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NETWORK PACKET DEVICES

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Dear Sir:

The Applicant of the above-captioned patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated August 31, 2006 of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-20.

An extension of time to respond to the final rejection is hereby requested for one month. The payment for the one month extension fee and the appeal fee is enclosed herewith.

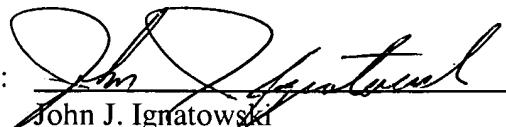
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If Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or has not paid a sufficient fee for this matter, and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0541 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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